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 SUBJECT: BRITISH RESPONSE MUTED IN CONSIDERING NEXT  
 STEPS IN ADDRESSING WAR CRIMES IN RWANDA

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1. WE SPOKE JULY 19 WITH THE FCO DESK OFFICER FOR RWANDA, IAN SHAND, ABOUT NEXT STEPS TO TAKE IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF WAR CRIMES IN THAT COUNTRY (REFTEL). SHAND SAID THAT HMG WILL WANT TO SEE WHAT THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION OF EXPERTS EXAMINING POSSIBLE HUMANITARIAN LAW VIOLATIONS RECOMMENDS BEFORE DECIDING WHAT POSITION TO TAKE ON A WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. REGARDING ATTITUDES OF OTHER EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN STATES TOWARDS SUCH A TRIBUNAL, SHAND COULD OFFER NO ADVICE.

2. COMMENT: IT SEEMED TO US THAT HMG HAS NOT YET FOCUSED ON THIS ISSUE, THOUGH THE FCO IS AWARE OF IT AND SHAND KNEW THAT THE IDEA FOR THE TRIBUNAL HAD COME FROM SPAIN. THE IMPRESSION SHAND GAVE IS THAT HMG IS NOT UNFAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRIBUNAL, BUT DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE THE LEAD IN SUPPORT OF THE IDEA. END COMMENT. CROWE

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